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Salisbury Fire Department to Demonstrate Usage of Ruggedized Radios

Salisbury_NC_March 5 – The Salisbury Fire Department will demonstrate usage of new ruggedized radios during a presentation scheduled from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., on Tuesday, March 6 at Salisbury Fire Station 1, 514 E. Innes Street. Salisbury City Council and the Rowan County Board of Commissioners were invited to attend.

The Salisbury Fire Department requested 50 ruggedized radios from Rowan County earlier this year in an effort to upgrade standard radios to further assist fire personnel in rescue situations. The Rowan County Board of Commissioners approved the purchase request and the Salisbury Fire Department is currently implementing use of the new Motorola APX6000XE ruggedized radios into their operations.

Enhanced capabilities of the Motorola APX6000XE, engineered for extreme conditions, include military specifications for water resistance, explosions and high heat environments. Salisbury Fire Chief Bob Parnell, Telecommunications Manager Terry Buff and representatives from Motorola will provide additional technical details and attributes of the portable radio system, designed specifically for first responders.

The presentation will also include an introduction to the Dedicated Fire Dispatcher Project, provided by Chief Parnell. City of Asheville Fire Chief Scott Burnett will discuss how a Buncombe County telecommunicator played a crucial role in helping Asheville Fire and Rescue (AF&R) Incident Command in identifying a mayday call during a tragic July 28, 2011 fire. Salisbury Fire Department Battalion Chief David Morris, will conclude with a short video presentation demonstrating what occurs at both Rowan County 9-1-1 and at the scene of an incident during a mayday call.

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